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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

( ) continuation application of:

(x) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 09/020,653 filed February 9, 1998

Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HANDLING MASKED EXCEPTIONS IN AN INSTRUCTION INTERPRETER

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Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings, and assignment in parent application

( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings. Serial No. 09/020,653

(x) The entire disclosure of the prior application and the Declaration therein are hereby incorporated by

Oath or Declaration

(x) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).

( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Information Disclosure Statement

(x) Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449,

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy  
of the foreign application will be provided in due course.Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

\*Cross Reference To Related Application(s) \*M

[and add the paragraph:]

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